



Rothwell Primary School



Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2019

Dear parents/carers,

It has been an exciting week, with classes continuing their learning through the anti-bullying focus. Phases will be collating a video which shows the quality learning and key messages that your child has been learning. We are hoping to put these onto our school website next week. We will confirm when these are available to view.

As I mentioned last week, we have been reviewing the way we teach spelling across school and I just wanted to update you regarding the changes to the approach we use. Research shows: 'There is little evidence that the traditional practice of learning spellings (usually 10) at home and being tested on them (usually on a Friday) is effective' ([No-Nonsense Spelling, 2016](#)). What we have found, like many other schools, is that children often learn the spellings for the test, but do not apply them into their own writing as they do not form part of their long term memory. As a result of this, we have decided that children will no longer be assessed by a traditional spelling test. Instead, children will be taught the spelling patterns/rules in school and will then be asked to apply the knowledge they have learned by incorporating the focus spellings into dictated sentences, as part of their literacy lesson each week. We will also be introducing a spelling programme for children to access at home. In addition to this, KS2 have the Y3/4 and Y5/6 spelling words in their planners.

KS1 will share the common exception words and Reception children will bring home a copy of the 'tricky words'. There are a range of ways to support your child with these such as playing games, writing sentences in context and using online programmes. Each phase will be sending out an additional letter which details tips for teaching spellings and the focus words for this half term. We would like to pass on our thanks, in advance, as we recognise that your support at home is essential in supporting your children on their learning journey.

For the PTA fashion show, which is taking place next Friday 7-9pm, we would really appreciate your support, which includes anyone who would be willing to be models for the show. This is a great way to raise funds to ensure our children get additional exciting experiences and opportunities. Thank you to the PTA for organising this, to 'The Dressing Room' for working with us and many local businesses for your support. See the following pages for more information.

Please note that the number of children who are accessing Kidz Club and Breakfast Club have increased greatly, both before and after school. Some sessions have a waiting list, which we will review each week. For further information, please contact the office.

The adapted behaviour policy can now be found on the school website; it has lots of information about the Pivotal approach and the systems we use. It has been a great start back to the academic term. Thank you for your support.

ENJOY THE WEEKEND!

Weekly attendance
W/E 13/09/19

Rec	100%
Miss Cal-ally	100%
Rec	100%
Mrs Petch	100%
Yr1	99.2%
Yr1/2	99.2%
Yr2	100%
Yr3	95.1%
Yr3/4	96.3%
Yr4	95.8%
Yr5	92.3%
Yr5/6	84.5%
Yr6	99.2%

KS1—Literacy packs are being sent home to-day—please check your child's book bag.

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Is your child currently in Year 6?
If so, it's time to
apply for a Secondary School
place!

If your child is
due to start secondary
school in September
2020 you should
apply for a place from
1st August 2019

The deadline for
applying is
31st October
2019

You need to make
your application
online at
www.leeds.gov.uk/secondaryschool
If you need any more
information please
contact the admissions
team on
0113 222 4414



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Members of the PTA will be selling Fashion Show tickets and raffle tickets from Monday to Thursday next week. You will find them outside the school office!

Tickets are £5 in advance and this includes a welcome drink and entry into a draw to win a voucher to spend on the night!

Have a look at some of the amazing raffle prizes!

- ◆ Bed and Breakfast for two including leisure access at the Village North Leeds
 - ◆ Cut and blow dry voucher for Options, Rothwell
 - ◆ £40 voucher for Bistro 42, Wakefield

Plus many more prizes donated by Morrison's, Wood Fire Dine, Charlotte's Cakes, Danielle's Desserts, Glamorous Gifts, Mecca Bingo and many more to come!

If there are any parents who would like to purchase Fashion Show tickets after school, but your child attends Kidz Club or have different arrangements for collecting your child, please do the following. Send money (£5 per person) in a sealed envelope marked PTA FASHION SHOW. In addition to this, if you want to purchase event or raffle tickets, please leave



PLEASE HELP!

We are collecting the sports stickers from Aldi to hopefully win some fantastic prizes for Rothwell Primary!!! We would appreciate your help to complete our wall chart 300 stickers needed, total so far = **21**

Dates for Autumn 1

Autumn Term 1 2019		
Date	Event	Time
Wed 18th September until Friday 20th.	Robinwood Residential	3 days.
Friday 20th Sep- tember	PTA Fashion show	7-9pm
Wednesday 23rd October	Halloween Disco	TBC

Information for Year 6 parents carers.

Next week, we are aware that the Rodillian open evening for prospective pupils and their families is taking place on the evening of Thursday 19th September, when many of our Year 6 pupils are on residential at Robinwood. We still encourage parents / carers to attend the open evening and we have contacted Rodillian to hopefully request another opportunity for the children to visit the school in the next few weeks during the school day. We will keep you informed of any dates that this may be possible.